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What's 'Crosstalk' Got to Do with Sobriety Anyway? (<http://www.aa.org> box 459 August, Sept., 2006)

Like an odd apple the term "crosstalk" keeps bobbing up where A.A.s come together. What is it? Why do concerned, sometimes confused groups keep asking the General Service Office for clarification about it? And above all, what does it have to do with our primary purpose—"to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety"?

Says past Chicago delegate (Panel 53, 2003-04) Don B: "When I came to A.A. in 1981, I joined a group led by an old-timer who was nearly 20 years sober at the time. There were two basic 'guidelines'—only we called them rules:

(1) You cannot interrupt the guy who is interrupting.

(2) If you look up and you are the only one left, lock the door when you leave. You talked too long." Back then, he recalls, "interruptions were frequent and sometimes contentious. More than one time I thought for sure we'd have fist-cuffs. But, no, things would invariably simmer down, and the one getting scolded would say something like, 'I guess you're right. I do need more meetings.' " In the Chicago area today, Don adds, "we have some very large groups: one draws as many as 500 people. With this type of participation—not to mention the positive fallout from increased sponsorship, which sees most new members led through the Steps in a reasonably short time—there's no room for disruptive crosstalk, nor is it tolerated."

Crosstalk means different things to different people. Some groups define as crosstalk or interference any comments, negative or positive, about another's sharing other than, "Thank you for your share." Members are welcome to talk about their own experience as it relates directly or indirectly to another's sharing, but are asked not to refer directly to that person's comments.

This does not appear to be the case at the 79th Street Workshop in New York City. Comments member Susan U.: "If two people start talking back and forth intrusively, then the chair has been known to say, 'No crosstalk!' But sharing of one's own story is always welcomed." Noting that "until the 1990s the word wasn't even in A.A. vocabulary," Susan cautions against rigidity: "There are no rules in A.A., just customs and the conscience of each autonomous group." She suggests that "there is a thin line between guidelines and rules; and experience shows that in A.A.'s 'benign anarchy,' rules, rigidity and attempts to control don't work very well. On the other hand, the nonjudgmental sharing we receive at meetings in response to something we have said can be beneficial to our recovery. It's how we learn to live sober, productive lives, and that's what sharing our experience and strength is about."

Jan P., of Spokane, Washington, reports that "crosstalk as it pertains to exchanges between members is not a problem with us. In many instances, people are trying to free themselves from extraordinary shame, and our members by and large share from their own experience. But they don't give advice—and there's no hint of censure, belittlement, scolding or preaching under the guise of sharing. In my experience, knowing there's no risk of judgment is what makes recovering alcoholics, especially newcomers, feel safe and gives us the courage to share."

Jenny P., who is Jan's daughter and also lives in Spokane, has found that crosstalk of a giving nature is "sort of a language of the heart. It occurs with familiarity and can be very helpful. If members know one another well, as they tend to in small groups, they feel comfortable about saying, 'I'd like to add something to what Jane said....' To me the key is comfort and the hope that sharing one's experience in recovery will help another alcoholic to stay sober and face life's challenges with greater ease."

Thought to Ponder . . . Sobriety is a choice and a treasure.

AA Thought for the Day: A Choice (courtesy AAOnline.net)

I count my sobriety date from the day I began going to AA in prison, not from the date of my last drink. Being dry is not being sober. . . I am still arrogant, egocentric, self-righteous, with no humility, even phony at times, but I'm trying to be a better person and help my fellowman. Guess I'll never be a saint, but whatever I am, I want to be sober and in AA. The word "alcoholic" does not turn me off any more, in fact, it is music to my ears even when it applies to me. God bless all you people in AA and especially you fellows in prison. Remember, now you have a choice.

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Elyria
Fri. Night
8:00 PM
 Lake & Lowell St.
 Elyria (NS)
 1st. Darryl
 8th. Stan W.
 15th. Warner M.
 22nd. Sober Aleo
 29th. Juan

Spanish Amer.
Fri. 8:30 PM
 St. Ladislavs, 1412
 29th. St. & Wood Ave.
 Lorain (NS)
 1st. Al Williams
 8th. Ted Englehardt
 15th. Ed Findley
 22nd. Kim Hunt
 29th. Lynette V.

Amherst
Sat. Group
Sat. 8:00 PM
 Amherst Church of the
 Nazarene.
 Amherst (NS)
 2nd. Susan B.
 9th. Jan U.
 16th. Pete S.
 23rd. Tim D.
 30th. Bruce B.

Serenity Hall
Sat. 7:00 PM
 St. Ladislavs, 1412
 29th. St. & Wood Ave.
 Lorain (NS)
 2nd. Bobby Korn
 9th. Amy Crawford
 16th. Donna Lawson
 23rd. Charlie Pitts
 30st. Sober Aleo

Mid- Night
Elyria Group
Sat. 12:00 PM
 St. Mary's Church
 4th & Middle Ave.
 Elyria (NS)
 2nd. Arlen Glisten
 9th. Erma Jean
 16th. Ron Kirtley
 23rd. Jake C.
 30st. Ask it Basket

St. Jude's
Sun. 7:30 PM
 St. Ladislavs, 1412
 29th. St. & Wood Ave.
 Lorain (NS)
 3rd. NO MTG.
 10th. Slim
 17th. Debbie B.
 24th. Dawn

- * List Your * Anniversaries ***
Sept. 1st. Chuck Finders 19yrs
Sept. 2nd. Arlen Glisten 1yr.
Sept. 3rd. Amy Bobkocich 2yrs.
Sept. 5th. Sandy Hopkins 15yrs.
Sept. 12th. Tracy Thompson 21yrs.
Sept. 17th. Linda Hemlinger 26yrs.
Sept. 25th. Naaman 18yrs.
Sept. 29th. Steve Hritz 30yrs.

New A.A. Meeting
Location
Available in
Elyria:
New Hope
Church
 626 Woodland,
 Elyria
 (1st NIGHT)
 Call 323-2822

CLOSED PERMANENTLY:
 ARK Big Book Disc. (O) Wed., 7:00 PM Central Office, 577
 Broadway.

June Central Office 50/50 Raffle Winner: Rilla
 Mobberly \$117.50. Just another way you can Help
 support the Central Office. Buy a **TICKET** from any
 Advisory Board Member.

31st. Anniversary
Mid-night Elyria
Group 12:00 PM
 St. Mary's Church
 4th & Middle Ave.
 Elyria (NS)
September 16th.
 Lead: a 12:00 PM
Ron Kirtley
 Food Served after Lead:
 Pizza, Cake,
 Door Prizes:

Anniversary
September 2nd.
Serenity Hall
Sat. 7:00 PM
 St. Ladislavs
 1412 29th St. & Woods Ave.
 Dinner: a 5:30 PM
 Lead: a 7:00 PM
Bobby Korn

G.S.R./D.C.M. Meeting: The Multi-District meeting is held at 11
 AM on the **1st Sunday** of the month. This meeting is for the Gen-
 eral Service Rep's. (G.S.R.) of each Group and the District Com-
 mittee Member's (D.C.M.). If you want to learn more about
 service attend this meeting. **(Oct. 1st., 2006)**

The Lorain Central Office Meeting is the **1st. Sunday** of the
 month at **12:30 PM**. It is very **Important** that all the **Secretaries**
 of each **Group** attend this meeting. **We urge your Attendance** (Be
 Informed. Get Active) **(Oct. 1st., 2006)**

In Memory

*We would like to Thank All of You for your Prayers and Sup-
 port during our time of Sorrow.*
Dan Kiss & The Craig & Lorie Caire Family's

*In Loving Memory Cathy Sullivan, Born Feb. 2nd., 1958
 Died Aug. 8th., 2006.*
We The Sullivan Family offer our Heartfelt
*Thanks, To our Mother's Friends and Family of the A.A. Com-
 munity. Thank You for all your Prayers, Donations, Love and*
Kind Support during and after the loss of our Mother.
Thank You from the Bottom of Our Hearts.
Lola and Coyzta Sullivan

FINDLEY HOUSE

An era is over the Findley House, which is the cornerstone of
 the Compass House. It is closing it's doors. The House is lo-
 cated at 2130 East 36th Street in south Lorain. It was the first
 facility utilized by the Compass House. This Facility with it's
 mission and vision by Mr. Findley was to provide service and
 treatment of Alcoholism and Drug addiction. To men and
 women of the community. Especially to the ones that couldn't
 afford it. In 1996 the Findly House switched from being a
 treatment facility and became a transitional housing unit. And
 has been in operation the past decade. It has touched the lives
 of many men and their families. We would like to thank Mr.
 Findley and the Compass House Staff for all the services they
 provided on behalf of all the men that stayed at the Findly
 House we want to Thank You. (Edwin T.)

Concepts 9: Good service leadership at all levels is
 indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary
 world service leadership, once exercised by the founders,
 must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

Step 9: Made direct amends to such people wherever
 possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Promise 9: Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will
 change.

Tradition 9: A.A. Assuch, ought never be organized; but
 we may create service boards or committees directly respon-
 sible to those they serve.

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Websites to visit:

<http://www.aaneoh.org>
<http://sobervibes.org>
<http://www.cyberrecovery.net>
<http://www.a2.org>
<http://www.dickb.com>
<http://www.sober.org>
<http://www.silkworth.net>
<http://www.aagrapvine.org/>
<http://www.dailythought@aonline.org>
<http://www.dailythought@verizon.net>

Survivors List:

Groups in need of Support to stay afloat please contact:

Lorain County Central Office.

Call 440 246-1800

Arid Lunch Break (C)

Tues., 12:00 Noon Arid Club,
1741 N. Ridge Rd.,
Sheffield Township (SS)

MICA House

1049 Infirmary Road, Elyria
Fridays 6:00 PM Open Meeting

St Agnes Thurs. Night

Sheffield Township
1741 N. Ridge Rd.
Thurs. 8:00 PM Open Meeting
"Go to Other Meetings,
Here's a few Suggested"

We Need You!!

Don't let them Close HELP
SUPPORT the groups.

**FATHER MARTIN
MONTH**

AT: LORAIN CENTRAL OFFICE
577 BROADWAY AVE.,

LORAIN

TIME 2:00 P.M.

OCT. 7th. "CHALK TALK ON
ALCOHOL REVISED"

OCT. 14th. "ONE DAY AT A
TIME"

OCT. 21st. "RELAPSE"

OCT. 28th. "THE TWELFTH
STEP"

Starting Sept. 2nd.

**Dancing • Dancing
Dancing!!**

Arid Fellowship Center

every other Saturday!!!!

- Sober Fun •
- DJ Big Shawn •
- 50/50 Raffle •

Cost:(per person) \$5.00

*Call: Donna or Stan
440 233-4801*

**Arid Fellowship Center
Spaghetti Dinner & Dance**

Sept. 23rd.

Dinner 6pm-10pm

Dance 8pm-12am

Dinner Includes.

**Homemade Spaghetti,
Salad, Roll & Coffe**

- DJ Big Shawn •
- 50/50 Raffle •
- Door Prizes •

*\$10.00 Donation, dinner only \$6,
dance only \$5*

Kid's 12 & under \$3.50

Come out & have a GREAT time!!

**Rule 62 "Don't take yourself so
seriously"**

**St. Jude's Steak Fry
Cascade Park West River Entrance**

Sunday, September 17th

1:00PM until 4:00PM

Tickets are \$10

BOWLING FUND RAISER

to support the

**9th Annual Women's
Fall In Sobriety
Mini Convention**

**FOR JUST \$10.00 you get 3
games & shoe rental
Get your tickets early**

**When: Sunday, September 17th,
2006**

3:00 pm til

**Where: Brunswick Lanes
Center Ridge, N.
Ridgeville**

**Contact: Londa A. 323-7897
or
Linda S. 323-9217**

Children's Christmas Party:

We need many volunteers to help make this Children's Christmas Party a success. We are having a meeting to plan this years party .

**Date: Sunday, September 17, 2006
Time: Noon**

**Place: Lorain Central Office
577 Broadway Ave., Lorain , Ohio**
Hope you will help us to make this years party the best yet. If you have any questions about the meeting contact **Troy Smith (440 365-9018)**

Troy Smith would like to thank all those that attended the Pig Roast and the workers that made it possible and the Half Measurers Band that made it a fun time. Profit from the Pig Roast \$900.00 dollars is much needed by the Central Office.

Recovery... Unwrap the Beauty

7th Annual Branch

Sponsored by, The Key Advisory Committee

Tickets are now on Sale!

The Branch will be held on Saturday September 23, 2006
beginning at 9:00am and lasting until 12:00am
Germans Villa, 3390 Liberty Avenue, Vermillion
Tickets are \$12.00 for Adults
Children 8 years and under are \$6.00

Guest Speakers: Ray and Sharon Tomaszewski

Please join us for a morning filled with inspiration and fun!
We'll have an 50/50 raffle, a Semtex display and
baskets will also be raffled also.

To Purchase Tickets and find
out more information please call

The Key at 222-2676 or

Circle at 420-1651

Committee Chairs

Unity LiveWire

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Jim Parks.....	440 385-5687
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District Committee

District #19a (Sheffield Lake, Avon Lake, Sheffield, Avon, N.Ridgeville, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton Meetings)

DCM.Russ Walker.....	327-1308
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District #19b (Lorain City Meetings and some in Vermilion)

DCM.Craig Warren.....	cell# 440 989-2786
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District #20c (LaGrange, Penfield, Brownhelm Twp.,

Amherst, Henrietta Twp., S. Amherst, Kipton, Oberlin, Camden Twp., Pittsfield Twp., Britton Twp., Wellington Meetings)

DCM.Donna Lawson.....	cell# 440 574-3464
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District #20b (All Meetings at ARID Club)

DCM.Judy Sexton.....	322-2619
Alt.Marilyn Oliver.....	284-9834

District #20a Vacant. (All of Elyria City Meetings and Carlisle)

Board Of Directors

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*To submit information for the news letter please contact: **Russ Walker** or **Jim Parks** via; Call, *email or leave the information at the **Central Office** before the **25th.** of each month.

Financial Report

Listed below are the Profit & Loss spread sheet, the group donations and the rents for the month of **July, 2006.**

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Donations</u>	
1. Rent	\$ 650.00	1.....	679.01
2. All Service Telephone	122.63	2.....	1,494.27
3. Columbia Gas	870.18	3.....	610.22
4. Ohio Edison	47.01	4.....	806.02
5. Century Telephone	129.64		
6. House Manager's	1,511.32		\$ 3,589.52
7. PayCor Fee	53.41		
8. Live Wire Printing	25.00		
9. Alltel Pub.Yellow Pgs.	18.30	<u>Donations</u>	\$ 3,589.52
10. Petty Cash	50.00	<u>Expenses</u>	\$ 5,064.12
11. 50/50 Raffle Ticket Printing	99.00	<u>Loss</u>	\$ -1,474.60
12. Liability Insurance	1,000.00		
13. Janitorial Supplies	487.63		
	\$ 5,064.12		

Donations for the month of July, 2006

Please include General Service # if you know it and Phone # with your donations. Thank You!!

1. Oberlin Group	22. Wellington Friday Group
2. Elyria Friday Night	23. Tuesday We Care
3. Midweek Morning Disc.	24. Elyria Men's Stag
4. Tuesday Central	25. Tuesday Central
5. Midweek Men's Disc.	26. Midweek Morning Disc.
6. Birmingham Twilight	27. St Lad's Serenity Hall
7. Serenity Hall St Lads	28. Thursday Wellington
8. Amherst Whome	29. New London Campout
9. Strength in Sobriety	30. Early Morn. Disc. 4 Wea
10. Grafton Wed. Night	31. Blue Monday
11. Amherst Sat. Night Group	32. We Care Tues. Morn. Disc.
12. Serenity Hall St Lads	33. Avon Lake Friday Night
13. LaGrange Sobriety	34. Tuesday Night Central
14. Lorain County 50/50 Raffle	35. CBS Big Book Step Study
15. Monday Night Happy Hour	36. Midweek Morning Disc.
16. We Care Tues. Morning Disc	37. Back To Basics Disc.
17. Midweek Morning Disc.	38. Wellington Wednesday
18. S.I.O.G.A.	39. St Lad's Serenity Hall
19. Tuesday LaPort	40. Amherst Thursday
20. Amherst Friday Night	41. Compass Group
21. Elyria Mon. Closed Disc.	42. Elyria Men's

• One Day At A Time •

Phone Line Report:

for the month of Aug., 2006

12 Step Calls...	19
Sponsorship....	5
AI-A-Non.....	13
Meeting Info...	117
General Info....	59
Total:.....	213

Rents:

for the month of July, 2006

1. S.O.S.
2. Strength In Sobriety Thurs.
3. Friday Men's Disc.
4. Monday Night Happy Hour
5. Blue Monday
6. Midweek Morning Disc.
7. We Care Tuesday Morning
8. Blue Monday
9. Friday Morning Survivors
10. Saturday Disc. Unity